

introduced by way of this amendment. A paper copy of the sequence listing, the sequence listing in computer readable form, and a Statement to Support the Submission of the Sequence Listing are filed herewith.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has required an election of one of twelve groups of claims, identified as:

Group I: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -O- or -S- and R^3 and R^6 are direct bonds.

Group II: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -N(R^8)- or -N(R^8)-C(=X³)- and R^3 and R^6 are direct bonds.

Group III: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -C(=X³)-, -C(=X³)-N(R^8)-, and -C(=X³)-N(R^8)-C(=X³)-, X^3 is -O- or -S-, and R^3 and R^6 are direct bonds.

Groups IV: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -O- or -S- and R^3 and R^6 are alkylenes.

Group V: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -N(R^8)- or -N(R^8)-C(=X³)- and R^3 and R^6 are alkylenes.

Group VI: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -C(=X³)-, -C(=X³)-N(R^8)-, and -C(=X³)-N(R^8)-C(=X³)-, X^3 is -O- or -S-, and R^3 and R^6 are alkylenes.

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Groups VII: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -O- or -S-, R^3 is a direct bond, and R^6 is an alkylene.

Group VIII: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are $-N(R^8)-$ or $-N(R^8)-C(=X^3)-$, R^3 is a direct bond, and R^6 is an alkylene.

Group IX: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are $-C(=X^3)-$, $-C(=X^3)-N(R^8)-$, and $-C(=X^3)-N(R^8)-C(=X^3)-$, X^3 is -O- or -S-, R^3 is a direct bond, and R^6 is an alkylene.

Groups X: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are -O- or -S-, R^3 is an alkylene, and R^6 is a direct bond.

Group XI: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are $-N(R^8)-$ or $-N(R^8)-C(=X^3)-$, R^3 is an alkylene, and R^6 is a direct bond.

Group XII: Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are $-C(=X^3)-$, $-C(=X^3)-N(R^8)-$, and $-C(=X^3)-N(R^8)-C(=X^3)-$, X^3 is -O- or -S-, R^3 is an alkylene, and R^6 is a direct bond.

It is stated in the Office Action that the various groups are directed to distinct inventions.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the claims of Group XII (Claims 1-35 and 54-60 in

part drawn to compounds wherein X^1 and X^2 are $-C(=X^3)-$, $-C(=X^3)-N(R^8)-$, or

$-C(=X^3)-N(R^8)-C(=X^3)-$, X^3 is -O- or -S-, R^3 is an alkylene, and R^6 is a direct bond).

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to

the subject matter originally presented in the non-elected claims.

The Examiner has also required an election of a single species. It is Applicants' understanding that this election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is also Applicants' understanding that if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims included in the elected group.

Applicants hereby elect a species of the compound defined by claim 1, wherein:

R¹ is acyl of 18 carbons;

R² is H;

R³ is ethylene;

R⁴ is acyl of 18 carbons;

P is PEG-3400; and

T comprises a peptide having the sequence CRGDC, wherein the two cysteines are linked together via a disulfide linkage.

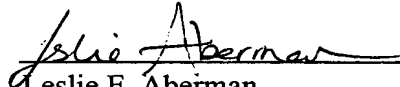
The following claims read on the elected species: 1-4, 6-11, 14-35, and 54-60.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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